

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


Hedman & Costigan
1185 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036
January 27, 2006

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

To comply with Rule 56, applicants are submitting a copy of the German search report and the International search report issued in the German and PCT applications corresponding to the above application and copies of the cited art and PTO forms SB/08A. Further discussion is not deemed necessary now.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles A. Muserlian, 19,683
Attorney for Applicants

CAM:dn

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Complete if Known

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

Application Number	
Filing Date	Concurrently
First Named Inventor	Rainer Schenk
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	188.606

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
/A.W./	US-	5,544,963	08/13/1996	Kazuhiisa Kajihara, et al	
/A.W./	US-	4,854,749	08/08/1989	Minoru Kohigashi et al	
/A.W./	US-	5,133,609	07/28/1992	Kenji Ishiguro	
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				
	US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	†
/A.W./	DE	18 01 894	06/04/1970	Toyo Bearing Manufacturing Co		
/A.W./	DE	30 09 977	09/24/1981	Nippon Seiko		
/A.W./	DE	696 08 003	08/07/1996	Koyo Seiko Co		
/A.W./	DE	100 61 995	06/20/2002	INA-SCHAEFFLER KG		

Examiner Signature	/Alan Waits/	Date Considered	10/09/2008
--------------------	--------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.